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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Principals
Public School Academy Directors and Authorizers

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Hands-On Civic Engagement Program

The State YMCA Michigan Youth in Government (MYIG) program provides the perfect hands-on civic engagement experience that will bring government to life for Michigan students. MYIG participation supports Social Studies proficiencies, Core Democratic Values, and Constitutional Principles. Teachers may apply for SB CEU's. For more information go to www.myig.org, or call the MYIG State Office at 517-639-4480. Now is the time to form a delegation and be part of the 64th year of Michigan Youth in Government!

Since 1948, Michigan Youth in Government has been providing a dynamic civics program for Michigan teens. It is the only youth civics program in the state that has the extended privileges of occupying the actual State House and Senate chambers of the Michigan Capitol Building. The program is modern and multifaceted. If districts are looking for a hands-on civics experience for their students, Michigan Youth in Government is worth considering.

Conference dates for Middle School are November 20-22, 2011. There are two choices for high School conferences, February 22-26, 2012 and March 14-18, 2012. Visit the Michigan Youth in Government website at www.myig.org. Contact the state office at 517-639-4480 or email staff@myig.org if you are interested in more information.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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